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# Communicator

Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



## Bobbie Beth's Tidbits...

Since the American Institutes of Research (AIR) recommendations and the 16 stakeholder group reports on improving statewide services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and blind or visually impaired, the Kentucky Department of Education moved forward by establishing a KDE work team consisting of knowledgeable and committed individuals with a charge to address the following initiatives:

- Common recommendations across the stakeholder groups, i.e. early childhood, regional coordination and services;
- Unique issues or recommendations from the stakeholder groups;
- Common recommendations among AIR and stakeholder groups;
- Recommendations that can be implemented immediately with little or no cost;
- Long term recommendations, i.e. regulation and/or policy changes;
- Recommendations that will require resources; and
- Timelines to implement various strategies.

Progress reports will be submitted to the Kentucky State Board of Education (KBE) for review, discussion and further feedback as part of a continuing process of making *real* and *solid* changes within the educational service delivery system for both deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired children. The KBE along with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is very committed to creating a paradigm shift in how our children are educated. The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing stands ready to assist in creating the kind of legacy we want to leave in the Commonwealth and share the goal of creating long-lasting outcomes in

making a difference in the lives of our children. As a member of this KDE Work Team I covet your thoughts and recommendations so I can carry them to the Team meetings. Call me or email me. I need your input.

*Bobbie Beth*



### Seeking a Qualified Individual to Serve on the Commission

The current KCDHH **Service Provider** term will expire on June 30, 2004. Applicants may be deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing. The **Service Provider** serves a three-year term, which will begin July 1, 2004 and expire June 30, 2007. KCDHH is looking for creative individuals who will be involved in an exciting phase of change within state government. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the KCDHH for an application. Please submit applications on or before May 15, 2004, to:

Trish Freeman, Chair  
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## Commission Members

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*The deadline to submit  
information and articles for  
the June 2004 edition of  
the Communicator is May 2004.  
All materials provided through  
KCDHH are available in  
accessible format upon request.*



## Chairperson's Article

**A**lthough much of this legislative session has been spent trying to address issues related to Governor Fletcher's proposed budget for the next two years, several bills have been introduced that are of interest to the deaf and hard of hearing community. The legislative session will end on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The following information on bills of interest in the 2004 legislative session was current at the time of newsletter preparation:

**Senate Bill 18** (sponsored by Sen. Tom Buford) An Act relating to special license plates. If passed, this bill will provide for a special license plate to be established for the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The license plate could be sold to any person in the Commonwealth interested in having it and a voluntary contribution of \$10 for each license plate sold could be made to the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the time of purchase. KCDHH is currently soliciting designs for the license plate that will be appealing not only to the deaf and hard of hearing community but the general public at large. The bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to House Transportation Committee. While we do not expect this to generate a great deal of income, considering the dissatisfaction that many people have with Kentucky's current smiley face design, it is possible that a substantial amount of money

could be generated if the design proves popular. This bill has passed the Senate and is in the House Transportation Committee.

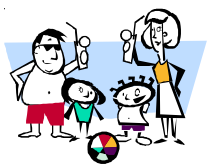
**House Bill 260** (sponsored by Reps. Tom Burch and Mary Lou Marzian) An Act relating to the Kentucky Early Intervention System. If passed, this bill would allow children who are considered "established risk," such as deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, etc. to receive early intervention services upon diagnosis. Regulatory changes made in the fall of 2003 prevent those with "established risk" from receiving direct services until a significant developmental delay is documented. The bill outlines that while direct services could be provided to those with "established risk", expenditures for services provided under the bill must not exceed the amount designated in the budget. In addition, a work group would be formed to provide input to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on regulations. This bill has passed the House and has been referred to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

Other bills that impact deaf and hard of hearing people include **SB 115** which limits civil actions under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act from the current five years, to two years. It has passed the Senate Education Committee and is currently in Rules. **HB 81** requires that school-based decision making councils give priority to students with disabilities, preschool and primary students when assigning ground floor classroom space and requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to investigate complaints regarding the inappropriate placement of these classrooms. This bill has passed the House Education Committee and is waiting a vote on the House Floor. **HB 60** is a bill that would develop a Medicaid-Buy-In program for persons with disabilities. A similar bill was introduced in 2003 but did not pass. HB 60 is in the House Health and Welfare Committee.

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## Family Learning Vacation

June 11-13, 2004

The goal of the Family Learning Vacation (FLV) is to provide information to parents and families so they may be the best possible advocates for their children. We also hope to enable FLV families to develop relationships with other families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

This FLV is focused on the needs of parents and families of deaf and hard of hearing children of all ages, both KSD and non-KSD students.

Possible breakout session topics:

- Participating in IEP meetings
- How to advocate for your child
- Communication Choices...Panel of Experienced Parents

The registration fee is \$50 for a family of up to 6 members if they are sleeping on campus. For families who choose not to stay on campus, the fee is \$30. Scholarships are available to families on request.

For an information/registration packet, please contact:

Pat Bruce

Kentucky School for the Deaf

P.O. Box 27

Danville, KY 40423

859-239-7017

(call on a TTY or Relay)

## KCDHH Web-based Bulletin Board



Some of you may have noticed that KCDHH now has a relatively new feature on its web page. It is a bulletin board where important information can be posted and removed when it is no longer needed. Job advertisements such as educational interpreter positions within K-12,

substitute interpreter positions, job opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing individuals, etc. are welcome. Currently, a good system has not been developed to make sure that interpreters get the information so until a system is established, KCDHH is happy to provide the place for such information. We are also willing to print such advertisements in our quarterly newsletter free of charge. Also included on our bulletin board is information about recent decisions, recommendations, etc. regarding education of deaf and hard of hearing children. If you have something you would like to post on our bulletin board, please email Dana Parker at [dparker2@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:dparker2@mail.state.ky.us) or call her.



## Interpreter Stipend Program

KCDHH is disappointed to announce that effective June 30, 2003, the Interpreter Stipend Program is no longer in existence.

Due to previous and recent budget cuts within our agency, we have had to discontinue this program. We felt this was a very beneficial program and we were fortunate to have been able to offer such a program.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our agency at 800-372-2907.



## Important Information About Your Newsletter Subscription

We regret to announce that due to the recent budget cuts within State government we must drastically reduce our mailing list for this newsletter. We will continue to produce the newsletter and it will be posted to the *Bulletin Board* on our web page located at <http://kcdhh.ky.gov> for those who have access to the web. For your convenience, we will send email reminders to let you know when it is posted.

If you do not have access to the Internet we will continue to send you a paper copy in the mail. However, we must ask that you contact us and give us your email address or let us know that you need to continue receiving the paper copy by May 1, 2004. **If we do not hear from you by May 1, 2004 your name will be removed from our mailing list and you will not receive any more newsletters.**

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## Educational Interpreter

The Carlisle County School System is now accepting applications for an educational interpreter in a K-12 setting.

Applicants at minimum must hold a Temporary License issued by the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or be able to qualify for this license. Higher certifications/licensure will be considered.

For more information please contact:

**Carlisle County  
Board of Education  
(270) 628-3800**

## **FREE** **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Health Fair**

April 17, 2004

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

Workshops on Domestic Violence, Cancer,  
Diabetes, Heart Disease, and much more.  
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